[Mr. Muruvelil Pachu Pillai.]

(*c*) whether, instead of this, the people have not petitioned the Government on several occasions for opening a new Munsiff's Court at Arukutti by grouping certain pakuties of the Vaikam and Shertallai taluks and bringing the same under its jurisdiction;

(*d*) whether this question was not urged in the last Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by the member representing the North Group, Shertallai taluk; and

(*e*) whether they have taken any action in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*e*) The High Court are of opinion that there is no necessity for a Munsiff's Court at Arukutti.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): അരുക്കുറ്റിയിൽ ഒരു മുൻസിഫ്ക്കോടതി ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു ഹൈക്കോടതി അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടുന്നതായിട്ടു പറയുന്നു. ആവശ്യമുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റു വല്ല അന്വേഷണവും നടത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഈ മാതിരി സംഗതികളിൽഹൈക്കോടതി പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കുന്നു അഭിപ്രായത്തെയാണ് സാധാരണ ഗവണ്മെന്റു സ്വീകരിക്കാറുള്ളതു്.

Statement of officers drawing a pay of Rs. 40 and above.

76. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Vellalas, Mahomedans, and members of other communities among the officers drawing a pay of Rs. 40 and over?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the statistics in this respect as the time and labour involved in doing so will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

Tank near the Public Market at Kuttattukulam.

77. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years is it since provision has been made in the Budget for digging a tank near the public market at Kuttattukulam in the Muvattupuzha taluk;

(*b*) whether the work has been started; and

(*c*) if the digging of the said tank has not been begun till now (1-7-1929), whether they will make arrangements for digging the tank without much delay?

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